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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

**Dear Parents / Carers, 28 May 2021**

**\*\*\*\*We hope you all have a happy and sunny half term with your lovely families- please stay safe!\*\*\*\***

**Friends of Grange View- Cake Sale- NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS PLEASE!**

Mrs Palmer will be selling cake and treat boxes £3 each on Fri 25th June. Please let the office know how many you would like to order. All funds raised for the Friends of Grange View is to support the school and all our children.

The boxes will contain a selection of homemade cakes, biscuits, scone and bakes.

You will be able to collect them after school at your pick up time from a table set up outside our main Reception area. Payment will be cash only as this is for the Friends of Grange View fund and is not set up to take payment on SIMS. Thank you.

**Childcare Questions?**

After School childcare - We would like to try and introduce after school childcare until 5.15pm every day at cost of £4 per hour or £7 for 2 hours from 3.15pm until 5.15pm. To make this possible we need a minimum of 6 pupils to attend each day every half term to cover staffing costs and resources. We would like to find out if we have enough interest for this to be possible. Therefore if you would be definitely interested please respond to this email being sent home from the office by Monday 7th June. Thank you. We will investigate options and the possibility of providing this service.

**School Class Photos**

Please pay for all photographs via SIMS, we are a cash free school, thank you. To make payment on SIMS it is under the online shop tab and then school photos and these are £10 each.

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

The government has made amendments to the eligibility criteria since April 2018. This is to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit.

PLEASE NOTE: Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

Universal Credit

Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400

This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit

Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

Working Tax Credit run on

Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please apply via this link if you are entitled as it helps to support your child in school.- https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free\_School\_Meals

**TOPIC REVIEWS**

**Early Years Summary – Space**

It has been a brilliant half term for Early Years. They have learnt so much

about our topic space. The children have enjoyed learning facts about all of the

planets. They have enjoyed spending time in the space station role play area.

They have spent lots of time developing relationships, working on sharing, and

talking about thoughts and feelings. The children have worked hard all together

as a unit. During their Forest School sessions the children have been busy

making dens, listening for sounds, and creating their own mini houses. They have

explored colour mixing when designing and painting their own aliens and planets.

The children also created their own planets using paper-mache. In Literacy,

they have used Talk 4 Writing to write their own stories based on ‘Whatever

Next’. In Maths, the children have used shapes to create patterns and

continued exploring numbers to 10 in depth. During this term, the children have

enjoyed having Little Movers and YOGA. All of the children love our dough disco

sessions to strengthen our fine motor skills. We are already looking forward to

our new topic, the seaside.

**KS1 Class Summary – Castle Life**

It has been brilliant having a full term back with the children and getting to

grips with a whole new topic. They have learnt so much within their science,

exploring materials, testing their properties and using these to design their own

flag. This term’s topic started by using 2D shapes to recreate Paul Klee’s castle

in the sun masterpiece, which the children did brilliantly. We have been using a

new idea called ‘word power’ in class to help the children learn ambitious topic

vocabulary, this has been great for helping them describe the geographical

features of castles as well as their historical differences.

During this term, the children have learnt about how castles were able to

defend, how they were often attacked and what it was like to live inside the

castle grounds including some interesting jobs. Meanwhile during their forest

session they have learning knot tying and shelter building as well as creating

wonderful information texts about witches, instructional writing and their own

fables in English. It has been an action packed term but we are already looking

forward to the second summer term with our trip to the beach on the first

week back..

**KS2 topic review – Courageous Castles**

Chestnut and Willow class have thoroughly enjoyed our action-packed topic of

‘Courageous Castles’ and have shown great enthusiasm and interest in their

learning. Here are some of the things we have done this half term;

We learnt where castles are located in Northumberland and other parts

of Britain and identified why they are located in these places. Children

completed a map of Northumberland to indicate where our local castles

are.

We also learnt about the role and features of castles such as the

barbican, moat, drawbridge etc... which then led us onto learning about

how castles were originally built.

For Science this half term we have been learning about rocks. We

grouped the rocks based on their properties and appearance and

recorded and justified our groupings. We then learnt about how

different rocks are found and formed and then learnt that soil is made

from rocks.

We learnt about the different types of weathering and how it effects

the walls of the castles.

We thoroughly enjoyed a virtual tour of Alnwick castle where we could

see all of the features of a castle

Year 4 greatly enjoyed their activities day at Kingswood. They

had a lot of fun, worked together as a team and made some

great memories to round off their time at Grange View.

**Sports week - 21st June -**

Mon 21st June - 11am – Acorns: Nursery 2.30pm – Willow: Y4

Tues 22nd June - 2.30pm – Chestnut: Y3

Wed 23rd June - 2.30pm – Elm: Y1

Thurs 24th June - 2.30pm - Oak: Reception

Fri 25th June – 2.30pm – Beech: Y2

One parent will be invited onto the school field keeping social distance from each other to watch the children compete in a number of races.

**\*\*\*\*New Diary Dates\*\*\*\***

Fri 28th May - **NON uniform for Sweet and bottle donations**

Fri 28th May – Half term - school closes normal time

Mon 7th June - School reopens

Wed 2nd June - half term visit for Y4 to JCSC - separate letter from JCSC with this info

Tues 8th June - Beech Class school visit to Alnmouth Beach

Wed 9th June - Elm Class school visit to Alnmouth Beach

Thurs 10th June - Class Photos - full uniform required

21st – 25th June - Sports week

Fri 25th June - Cake Box day

28th - 30th June - SEND transition visits to JCSC

Mon 28th June - New nursery visits 2pm

1st and 2nd July - Chanty Transition visits

Fri 2nd July - Reports sent home

Wed 7th July - Whole school transition day / Y4 to JCSC

Mon12th July - Rev Joanna farewell tea on Field- children and staff only

Tues13th July - Y4 Lollo Rosso - Tea out 5pm

Wed 14th July - Y4 afternoon Forest school + tea picnic on field

Fri 16th July - School closes at 1.30pm - Oak - 1.15pm / Elm + Chestnut - 1.20pm / Beech and Willow - 1.30pm.

**September uniform**

Following our school uniform policy your child will be expected to wear the following:

A school sweatshirt / cardigan in the correct colour

Yellow polo shirt

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore or yellow gingham dress

All black school shoes with no logos

A school PE t-shirt with black shorts or joggers.

We have lots of clean good second hand for anyone who needs it and we will keep spares for any child who turns up for school in the wrong uniform.

These supermarkets and shops store correct colours: Asda / Sainsbury’s / Matalan / Marks and Spencer’s and many others.

**Summer term attendance expectations for schools**

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents’ duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools’ and local authorities’ ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

We expect schools and local authorities to continue to communicate clear expectations around attendance to families, identify pupils at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

**E-safety-** Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

**http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589**

**TRIDENT SUMMER FOOTBALL CLUB**

We would like to work with Trident Football club and provide a Summer Football school during the holiday’s this year. This will take place at Grange View week beginning 26th July (Monday – Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm) The Football camps run for four days and the cost is £40, or £10 a day.

\*\*\*If you are interested in booking a place please ring the office to add your child’s name to the list asap\*\*\*

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS CONTINUE**

**These are the clubs we are offering for the Summer Term:**

**Mondays- Fun and games outdoors- Y3 and Y4 with Bear and coaches from Cramlington Rockets**

**Tuesdays - Football Club- Y1 and Y2 with Ryan from Trident football and coaches- FULL**

**Tuesdays- Craft club through story- Reception with Miss Adams and Mrs Tait**

**Thursdays- Little Movers - Y1 and Y2 with Fiona**

**Please can children wear joggers and school polo and sweatshirt on these days and ensure they have the correct footwear. NO JEWELLERY IS PERMITTED.**

These clubs are FREE, there is no charge for any of these clubs for the Summer Term to support all our families and the children's well-being.

**Shopping Link to support Grange View CE First School**

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1049905-0>

This is the link to The Friends of Grange View Fundraising. It takes you to Amazon for any purchasing. Everything you buy raises funds for the school and generates extra funding to the PTA who in turn spends it on resources for your child and the school. Thankyou for supporting us with this as every penny counts.

*“This email is to notify you that Amazon has donated £22.71 to your organisation (Friends Of Grange View County First School) as a result of AmazonSmile programme activity between 1 January and 31 March, 2021. The donation has been deposited to your organisation's bank account on or before 19 May, 2021”*

**SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM**

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at [admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk)

\*\*\*\*Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online. Due to Covid, we need to avoid handling cash as much as we can.\*\*\*\*\*

**Stars of the Week:**

**Beech**

Merit – Noah & Ethan

Sparkle – Jayden B

**Chestnut**

Merit – Emma & Jacob

Sparkle – Izzie

**Willow**

Merit – Porscha & Alfie

Sparkle – Robyne

**Acorn**

Merit – Faith & Brooklyn

Sparkle –Neve

**Oak**

Merit – Harry & Evan

Sparkle –Taylor

**Elm**

Merit – Jessica & Maisie

Sparkle – Alfie

**ATTENDANCE**

**The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning.**

We will be continuing to monitor our classes’ attendance every week and individual class percentages will be published here each week. It is vital that children attend school every day possible to ensure that they are able to start catching up on learning that they may have missed during the school closure and holidays.

Children should not attend school if they are showing any Covid symptoms or if they are required to self-isolate as a result of being in contact with anyone who is showing symptoms.

**Can my child go to school if they have a cold?** The NHS advises that if a child has mild cold-like symptoms they

should continue to go to school. Sore throats and blocked or runny noses are not symptoms of Coronavirus. We have routines in place should a child in school show symptoms of Coronavirus and will isolate the child and contact parents to collect them immediately, self -isolate and book a test.

**This week’s attendance stars**

Well done to **Beech** Class who won with 99%

Acorn – 92.7% Oak – 88.8% Elm – 98.2% Beech 99%

Chestnut – 98.4% Willow – 98.6%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK 96.5%

Which is slightly below our new school target which is now 97%

**W/C: 28.05.2021**





**Sparkling Afternoon Tea**

**4 wonderful Nursery children joined Mrs Laskey outside last week. Ella, Lucas, Navneet and Millie had treats and a chat for all their efforts last week in school. I wonder who it will be this Friday in Year 4 again ?????**

**COVID**

**Contact tracing over May half-term**

Schools and colleges continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils, students and staff. We recognise the challenges of this responsibility during holidays, but this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school or college, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school or college, you are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school or college.

If, during the course of the school day, your child demonstrates any symptoms of COVID-19 (as outlined above), they will be isolated immediately and you will be contacted to collect them from school with immediate effect. Your child will be treated with care and compassion, but there is a process that we are required to follow and this may include the member of staff dealing with them using PPE kit to protect themselves (goggles, face mask and gloves) while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.

Any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test & Trace.

**Remote education will still be provided where pupils are self-isolating or shielding.**

**Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

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| * **through your employer, if they offer testing to employees** * **by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests** * **by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most** |

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Thank you once again for your support and patience during all of these changes.

**We continue to follow the government message:**

**Hands- Face- Space- Fresh Air**

Louise Laskey – Headteacher

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**Safe to Learn section**

This is a section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of. Mrs Pat Treanor is our Chair of governors and safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

 

Mrs Laskey- Head Mrs Chapman-Assistant Head

**OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION**

The original initiative was aimed at supporting children who are affected by domestic abuse. The next part of the project will help all children to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely. Our Safeguarding liaison officer Karen Kirkbride will be in school this term delivering these workshops.

**Operation Endeavour**- This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour commenced in November 2018, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children’s Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children’s Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school’s commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

**Onecall**

Onecall is the number for all adult social care, children’s services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable to keep safe and well 24-7.

**Telephone- 01670 536400**

